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On the cover: Helen Birch, of Buda, Texas shows off “the catch of the day,” a 38 in. long redfish, caught off the Mouth of Colorado walkway. *Above:* Scouts fishing at Addicks; story on page 8.

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We are a Civil Works District and that means that the local communities have to put money on the line to find a solution to an infrastructure problems. So what's my point? My point is that we have customers out there; our customers deserve quality products, on time under budget and on schedule and we all have a part in satisfying our customers and the public. Yes, we are the Federal Government but we must run and execute our mission like a business because people and local communities want and deserve the maximum value for the dollars invested.



Col. Leonard D. Waterworth

I was fortunate last week to visit with some happy customers. In the Valley I had the chance to visit our constructions sites where we are building facilities for the Border Patrol. The Border Patrol is an organization that has long been neglected with inadequate funding, but no longer. With the events of 9-11 we all have come to realize how important the security of our borders really are, for that reason there is an explosion of construction work for the Border Patrol. The Border Patrol requirements are immediate, their mission is now. Initially this work moved around the Corps until we took it on here in Galveston. Now they are satisfied that someone understands what they need. It wasn't until Ralph Rubalcaba and George Alcala got involved that Border Patrol requirements started to get addressed. Both of these individuals took charge and developed relationships with the customers to understand their needs. When questions or problems developed they responded quickly, and they both gave the customer an opportunity to participate in a decision-making process. There is no greater complement when others sing your praises. Right now we have the Border Patrol singing the praises of the Galveston Engineer District because of the hard work of George and Ralph. Thank You!

Heroes are people at the right time in the right place doing the right things. Well, we have found a hero in the district. Lock Operator Joel Berrey is a hero for his efforts on Sunday, March 31, 2002 at 0845 at the Colorado River Locks when a deckhand on the Tug John G fell off the bow of the tow while transiting the East Lock going westbound. Joel attempted to rescue the deckhand with our life ring and then went to the mooring wall and grabbed the man in the water flipped him over on his back and held him until assistance came from the tug. If weren't for Joel a life may have been lost. Thank You!

There are many more stories out there of great accomplishments and the accomplishment of your peers and I would like to hear them. If you know of anyone in the district that should be recognized for what they have done, drop me an E-mail I want to hear about them.

SWD Emerging Leader (EL) Conference and Website

Last month, we held our annual Emerging Leaders conference in Fort Worth. During this event, our ELs (past and present) met with the division's leadership for a SWD Command Council, heard from a number of distinguished speakers, and participated in their own developmental training. This joint meeting provided a synergistic experience for all attendees. The opportunity to hear what these dynamic Emerging Leaders have accomplished was energizing and exciting!!!



BG David Melcher

Two of the EL's major accomplishments over the last year are the EL website and EL newsletter, group projects that were developed by the classes of 2000 and 2001. These two ideas, fired by the enthusiasm of the EL group, have taken on form and substance. Both are now products that everyone in the organization can use and be proud of. I urge you to take the time to look at both the website and the Newsletter on our SWD Homepage, <http://www.swd.usace.army.mil>.

The EL newsletter, *The Leading Light*, is an exceptional piece of work, capturing thoughts on leadership. As I looked through the newsletter I was pleased to find such creativity and inspiration.

The website is dedicated to the concept of promoting leadership, the EL website focuses on training, improving and developing ourselves. It lists leadership development courses, books, tapes, magazines and other resources devoted to leadership. Anyone who desires personal development will find this site to be a gold mine of information. Initially available only to SWD, the website picked up so much interest across the Corps that I have directed it be made accessible to all Corps employees. I want you to take the time to see how this website has grown as a result of the commitment, initiative and energy of our Emerging Leaders. And, after you have seen it, you will want to say thank you for a job well done to the next Emerging Leader you see.

I'll conclude by telling you that we are on the cusp of an amazing future. One reason that future looks so bright is that we have a cadre of Emerging Leaders and Leadership Development Program participants poised to take the helm of the organization. We are actively developing our new leaders and, as we do so, ensuring SWD lives up to the full intent of being a Learning Organization. That's something we all can be proud of.

ESSAYONS!
BG DAVID F. MELCHER

A Hero Among Us....

Joel Berrey, lock operator at the Colorado River Locks saves the life of a deckhand from McDonough Marine Service

All in a days work.

Well, maybe, but certainly not if you were deckhand Shane St. Anant who works for McDonough Marine Service, Channelview, TX.

St. Anant was on the head of the tow as it was going through the riverside gates east chamber of the Colorado River Locks when he tumbled into the water, seemingly unconscious. Alert lock operator Joel Berrey tossed the life-ring to him but the tide kept him moving east in the lock chamber as he floated face down.



On the left: Joel Berrey, lock operator of the Colorado River Locks. Top: A tow going through the locks, very familiar to that day.

Berrey ran down the piered wall and crawled down to water level to reach out to grab the floating man by the life jacket. He hung on to St. Anant who appeared unconscious but breathing until he started thrashing in the water and threatened to pull his benefactor into the water with him.

The crew threw the lifebuoy from the tug but it failed to reach the struggling men. Finally a crew member jumped to the piered wall with Berrey, went into the water after St.

Anant and the two men were able to pull him back to the chamber wall while the tug maneuvered close to the wall. St. Anant still seemed distant and unfocused but eventually was helped up the wall, onto the barge deck and to the tug.

“I think the tow captain needs commendation for his ability to maneuver his barges with the man overboard in a very dangerous situation. Something terrible could have occurred without his swift and accurate actions,” said a modest Berrey.

By the time the deckhand had a hot shower and dry clothes he appeared unharmed by the incident but his crewmates talked of sending him to the hospital.

An on the spot award and a commander’s coin are headed Berrey’s way in recognition of his lifesaving actions.

“This incident points out the need for training on over-board recovery methods,” said Dan Wyatt, district safety officer. “Berrey did well and a man’s live was saved.”

I N T H E D I S T R I C T

The Nominations Are In For Secretary of the Year

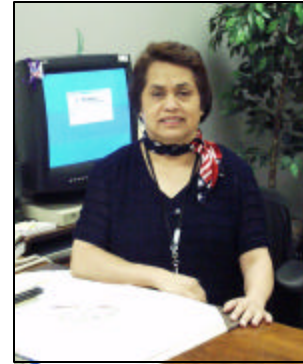
The winner will be announced April 24th at 10:00 am in the main conference room.



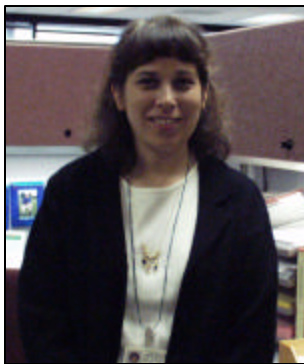
Charlene Terry, Realty Assistant,
Real Estate Division



Billye Newcomb, Clerk (OA),
Project Engineering Section



Mary Ann Patlan, Executive
Secretary, Executive Office



Trina Ruse, Administrative
Support Asst., Planning and
Environmental Branch



Gloria Brunt, Administrative Asst,
Executive Office



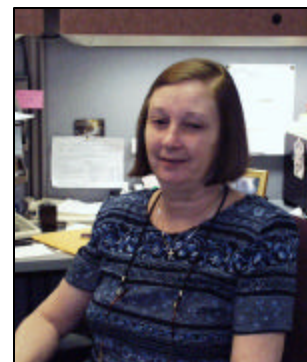
Maria "Lile" Henkel,
Administrative Support Asst.,
Real Estate Division



Faye Arenz, Administrative
Support Asst, Operations
Division



Fredalyn Colston, Administrative
Officer, Engineering Branch



Karen Strain, Secretary,
Environmental Section

Please note that Nettie Irvine, Houston Project Office was also nominated. Please congratulate each of these women on their nomination.

Meg says farewell to Galveston District

Chief of RMO, Meg Dunleavy takes promotion at Headquarters



Meg with the Resource Management team.



Meg and Curtis Cole of Contracting share a laugh.



Maj. Benjamin Spears presents Meg with a Corps certificate.

Galveston District said farewell and best wishes to Meg Dunleavy, Chief of RMO on March 22nd at the Jadwin building.

Meg received several gifts, including a t-shirt and a dolphin figurine along with the traditional Corps certificates, shrimp plaque and Corps paperweight.

"Meg will be greatly missed, I could always count on her to think out of the box," said Col. Waterworth, district engineer.

Meg, who received a promotion at Corps headquarters, joined Galveston District in September 1999.



Meg holding up one of her gifts for the camera.



Meg and Art Janecka, Chief of Project Management, share farewells.

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Boy Scouts Special Needs Division spends a day fishing at Addicks

In conjunction with the Galveston District, the Special Needs Division of the Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts spent a day at the lake.

Led by Shannon Harlin, director, and Richard Long, Project Manager of the Houston Project Office; Karl Brown, Operations manager; and assisted by Tom Israel, structural engineer; and Jose Castro, civil engineer, the group of nearly 75 students gathered on March 20 at a fish pond at the Addicks Reservoir for a fishing experience many of these students have never before had.

The Special Needs Division of the Boy Scouts is made up of mentally and physically disabled students and behavior disorder students.

Scoutmasters for the Special Needs Division are teachers and scout parents and all activities take place during school hours.

There are more than 7,217 scouts in the Special Needs Division of the Sam Houston Area



Top: Scouts fishing at Addicks lake. Right: Scout holds the “catch of the day.”



Council. The 75 students from more than five schools arrived at Addicks around 10:00 a.m.

Scoutmasters provided each scout with a bamboo fishing pole, hooks and lines. Worms were used for bait. But even with 75 lines in the water, only five fish, all perch, were caught. These were released back into the water after the middle school-aged expert fishermen decided they were too little.

By the end of the excursion, at 1:00 p.m., the grand tally of “things caught” was five fish, two clams, and an unidentified critter with teeth.

All of the participants had a great time; despite the lack of bites and the muggy weather, the day at the lake was hard to beat.

The Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts Council is one of the largest of more than 337 Boy Scout Councils nationwide. It serves 160,000 youth in Harris and in the 20 surrounding counties on southeast Texas.

Within these counties there are 72 school districts. The membership is served by more than 30,000 volunteer adult leaders working in 21 geographic, community-related districts.



Top, left: Richard Long, Project Manager of the Houston project office and Karl Brown, Operations Manager, assist scouts with their poles. Top, right: a student smiles for the camera. Middle, right: Tom Israel, structural engineer shows a scout how to assemble the fishing pole. Bottom, right: Teachers, scoutmasters for the day, help bait the hooks.

Protecting the new or inexperienced worker

It's just about that time of year again. The sun begins to stay out longer and warms the air. You begin to see tennis rackets, baseball gloves and bats, and golf clubs being taken out of winter hibernation.

And it is also time for many of our seasonal, summer hires, or stay in school employees to come back on board with us for the summer.

Maybe now, with the extra help, we can get maintenance done on campsite areas, or finish up painting on our lock walls, or maybe we can begin our big spring/summer project of rehabbing the workboat.

It certainly is nice to have these people back with us. We can almost assuredly get more accomplished than with the smaller staff that we had during the winter months.

But these next 4 or 5 months are when we have most of our District accidents, and unfortunately in many cases, our new hires are involved.

One reason why these less experienced workers are involved in accidents is a lack of information.

In a recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of 724 workers hurt while using scaffolding, 27% said they received no information on safety requirements for installing the kind of scaffolding on which they were injured.

In the same study of 868 workers who suffered head

injuries, 71% said they had no instruction concerning hard hats.

And of 554 workers hurt while servicing equipment, 61% said they were not informed about lockout/tagout procedures.

It is imperative that supervisors make sure that adequate safety training is provided to these employees.

Supervisors should also take extra time to see that these employees are performing tasks adequately and safely. Leaders can also perform this same function.

What is expected of the new or returning worker? You should make sure that you understand all necessary safety procedures before you begin work. Use what you learn – all the time.

Don't take short-cuts. Follow safety and health requirements to the letter.

If respirators or other personal protective equipment are required, wear them consistently and maintain them properly.

If guards are required on equipment make sure they are in place.

If you are required to work with chemicals, follow any warnings on the label and obtain any other information from the material safety data sheet (msds).

It's real nice to have the extra help during the summer months.

Let's all encourage our new and returning workers to perform in a safe and productive manner, and lead by our own example.

Fit For Duty

In order to be effective, your Personal Protective Equipment(PPE) must fit properly. Respirators, shoes, and some hearing protection may have to be custom-fitted. Other PPE, such as gloves and safety glasses are available in a variety of sizes. But the bottom line is that it's up to you to get a proper fit. And remember, PPE can stretch and wear over time, so routinely check your fit before each use.

PPE fits properly when it (1) provides you with the protection that you need and (2) is comfortable enough to allow you to move and perform you job well.

Backpack Drawback

Backpacks have become a staple for people on the go. Backpacks are used to transport anything from schoolbooks to sporting goods. They have proven to be superior to purses and shoulder bags for carrying heavy loads because they depend on the back muscles for support. But improper use can cause backaches and back injuries, and young children are especially susceptible to these types of injuries.

Occupational physicians recommend that you carry loads no more than 10% to 13% of your body weight, in your

backpack. They also recommend that you buy a quality backpack that's no wider than your torso, with padded shoulder straps, waist connection straps, and numerous compartments in order to distribute the weight evenly. If numbness or tingling in your arms or hands occur, discontinue the backpack use and contact your physician for guidance.

Sunscreens and Insect Repellents

If you are in environmental conditions that require both sunscreen and insect repellents, keep in mind that if you apply sunscreen first, followed by insect repellent containing DEET, the abilities of the sunscreen will be greatly diminished. If you must use both products, apply insect repellent first, then the sunscreen, in order to get the full benefits of both.

There are products available that combine the abilities of both the sunscreen and the insect repellent, which might be a better way of protecting yourself from the sun and those pesky insects.

No Flowers for Fido

The Animal Poison Control Center, as part of National Poison Prevention Week, is warning pet owners that common household items, including chocolate, onions, liquid potpourri and pennies, can make pets very sick. A cat that eats



New employee, Jose Castro wearing a Corps issued safety hat while visiting Neches River Saltwater Barrier.

any part of an Easter lily will die without quick medical attention.

Other plants, including daffodils, philodendron, dieffenbachia, and cyclamen can also be dangerous to animals. Keep drugs and dangerous chemicals away from pets, don't give human medicines to animals, and read labels on veterinary products carefully. For more information contact your pet's veterinarian.

Beef Briefs

With the warmer temperatures just around the corner, many of us will be getting the barbecue grill out of winter storage. The following are facts for those who enjoy grilling steaks and hamburgers during the summer months.

Beef is meat from a cow two or more years old. A 1,000 pound cow yields about 450 pounds of meat. Baby beef is meat from young cattle weighing

about 700 pounds and fed mainly grass and milk. The cuts are smaller and less fatty than beef.

Veal is meat from a calf less than 3 months old and weighing less than 150 pounds.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends using a stem thermometer when cooking, to make sure the meat reaches safe temperatures to kill pathogens that can cause food poisoning. Hamburger and ground meat mixtures should reach an internal temperature of 160 degrees to be considered safe. Steaks and roasts may reach different internal temperatures of safety. Medium rare must reach 145 degrees internal; medium must reach 160 degrees internal; and well done must reach 170 degrees internal to be considered safe for consumption.

You can purchase a stem thermometer from most any supermarket for a price of \$5.00 or less - a good investment.

Chaplain Moore gives guidance while touring Galveston District

Chaplain (COL) Lowell Moore visited Galveston District the first week of April during his tour of Corps districts and division offices.

“I want employees to know that they have a chaplain and that they can come talk to me, either by e-mail or phone,” said Moore.

During his visit Chaplain Moore spoke with several employees while going through the building.

“I can see now why Col. Waterworth is so happy working here, you have great folks,” Moore said.

Chaplain Moore was born in Union City, Indiana. As the first of four children born into a mobil pastor/missionary family, Chaplain Moore grew up in various places throughout the United States and the world. His family finally settled in Bourbonnais, Illinois, where Chaplain Moore graduated from High School and enrolled in Olivet Nazarene College. In 1962 Chaplain Moore dropped out of college and joined the United States Marine

Corps. While in the Marine Corps, he attained the rank of Sergeant, did one tour in Vietnam, surrendered his life to the Lord, and received his call to the ministry.



Chaplain (COL) Lowell Moore

Chaplain Moore attended Pasadena College, Calif. where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion ('70) followed by a Masters of Divinity ('73) from Nazarene Theological Seminary. He pastored the San Francisco First Church of the Nazarene until he became a chaplain in the United States Army in 1976.

As an Army Chaplain, he has served in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Germany; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Fort

Carson, Colorado; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort Bragg, North Carolina, which included participating in Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Eustis, Virginia; and Washington, District of Columbia. His duty assignments include Battalion Chaplain, Brigade Chaplain, Family Life Chaplain, Post Pastor, Chapel Recourse Manager, Installation Chaplain, Corps Chaplain, and Major Army Command Chaplain.

Chaplain Moore's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), the Army Commendation Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

He is married to the former Betty Urschel, and they have two daughters with matching sons-in-law. They are Leslie and Marc Mikesell, and Dawn and Scott Smithson.

Buffalo Solider Gives Corps a Military Lesson Trooper Paul J. Matthews pays tribute to black history month by talking about African-Americans in military



Did you know that during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) that approximately 5,000 African-Americans fought in the War of Independence? And that by mid-1778, each brigade in Gen. George Washington's army averaged 43 African-American soldiers?

Well, Trooper Paul J. Matthews did.

Matthews spoke to a crowd of 75 on March 25th in honor of Black History month while visiting the Jadwin Building on history of the African-Americans in the military, along with their accomplishments and achievements since.

Above, left: Trooper Paul Matthews with Maj. Spears pose for the camera with a Certificate of Appreciation. Above, right: Trooper Matthews speaks to the crowd.

Nydia Han visits the District in cooperation with the Federal Woman's Program



FWP Chairwoman, Paula Wise presents Nydia Han with a Corps certificate of appreciation.

Consumer reporter, Nydia Han of Channel 13 News spoke on March 21 at Galveston District in honor of the Federal Women's Program.

"This is a wonderful way to stress the importance of the Federal Women's Program," said Col. Waterworth.

Ms. Han, who has helped viewers save time, money and frustration through her investigative reports, spoke about her job and the difficulties, along with its rewards.

Energy in a CAN

by Tracy Orr

It has been 97 years since you could purchase a “real” energy drink at the local store. It was 1905, and that was the year that the cocaine was removed from Coca-Cola and “soft drinks” were created.

Well, the real Coke is not coming back, and you will never be able to pick up a 2-liter bottle of Methamphetamine Mountain Dew.

However, a new class of “energy in a can” is vying for space in convenience store coolers, and winning. The new energy drinks include such products as Adrenaline Rush, Amp, Venom, Red Bull, and Whoop Ass, to name a few. The names are different, but their cool, narrow cans and their claims are the same.

Pop the top, drink it down, and, presto, you are ready to tackle the world again. Originally, sought after primarily by teenagers, these energy drinks have now crossed headlong into the adult world of health clubs and office buildings. They are often touted as cold, carbonated

alternatives to coffee. Sales of the drinks topped \$275 million last year and appear to be on the rise!

Although these super charged sodas promise a boost of energy and more, should you really believe their claims? What are you really getting in that \$2, 8.3-ounce can? Does carbonated water plus taurine, inositol, and other exotic-sounding ingredients really deliver the implied payoff in enhanced endurance, improved concentration, and increased reaction speed? Let’s see what nutrition experts say about these “so-called” energy drinks. They have dissected the ingredient labels and given their opinions as to the claims made by the manufacturers. Here’s what they found.

Caffeine is a stimulant. It has been shown that one hundred milligrams (mg) can increase mental alertness and 238 mg can increase cardiovascular endurance. Energy drinks normally contain 38 to 90 mg of caffeine. Therefore, you would need to drink three or more cans

to get this affect. However, this is simply too much caffeine for most people’s systems. Ingesting this amount of caffeine could make you edgy rather than energetic.

Taurine is an amino acid stored in muscle tissue. Studies funded by Red Bull claim a link between the taurine-laced drink and improved reaction time, concentration, and memory. However, many nutritionists believe that although Red Bull is giving the credit to taurine, it could be the caffeine, the sugar, or something else providing the benefits. So what is taurine good for? Cats. It is an essential feline amino acid.

Ginseng is a herb. Apparently, it does not do much of anything. The energizing claims attributed to ginseng aren’t supported by the latest and best evidence available. People may choose to believe in it simply because the name sounds exotic.

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Guarana is a South American herb with stimulant properties. It simply lends a “neat” name and extra caffeine to the drink.

Inositol is a sugar alcohol. Energy drink- makers claim that more inositol will make your liver process fats, carbohydrates, and protein more efficiently. However, nutritional research has not shown that extra inositol will provide an energy benefit through its affect on your liver.

B Vitamins are some of the same nutrients you receive daily from the food you eat and your morning multivitamin supplement. Although they fight fatigue and play a role in coordination, there is no evidence that for a normal, healthy man or woman, drinking extra B Vitamins will do anything to lift his or her energy levels. After reviewing and considering the affects of the ingredients contained in the various energy drinks, most nutritionists agree that these drinks are just fizzy, cold substitutes for coffee.

They are used by most as a pick-me-up. However, you must also be able to stomach the ridiculous price and often times

medicinal taste of these drinks. As for myself, I think I’ll stick with Starbucks!

I did run across the recipe for a truly healthy drink, however. It has been referred to as “Hair of the Boar” and/or “Wild Mountain Boar.” It may be a healthy jump start to sports, workouts, or even sex.

One 8-ounce glass provides your entire recommended daily intake of Vitamin C. It also provides 7 g of fiber, 15 g of protein, 62 g of carbohydrates, 2.5 g of fat, and 70 mg of caffeine in each serving. The cost is about \$1.25 per serving.

The ingredients include: 1/3 cup finely ground oat bran, 5 cup frozen strawberries, 16 oz diet Mountain Dew, 2 Tbsp frozen orange juice concentrate, and 8 oz fat-free strawberry yogurt

Pour the oat bran in a blender and process until the flakes become powder. Add the remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Makes 3 servings (reblend leftover before drinking).



Blood Donors from April 9th's Blood Drive

**Donald Carelock
Robert Sherwood
Jeffrey Honeycutt
Delia Deckard
Christina Bernal
Charles Stimmel
Jennifer Hymel
Jeffrey Ramos
Cecil McClenan
Michelle Clark
Patricia Lingo
Clark Bartee
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Herbie Maurer
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Eric Russek
Paul Cox
Tracy Orr
Debra Lindsey
Pramod Desai
Andrew Williams
Gloria Appell
Anavalli Gordon
Lynette Anders
Ronny Beesley
Steven Sanders
Ryan Fordyce**



April's Birthdays

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| Mark McMahon | April 1 |
| Norman Rondeau | April 2 |
| Trina Ruse | April 4 |
| Casey Cutler | April 6 |
| Meg Dunleavy | April 7 |
| Eric Proctor | April 9 |
| Frank Ramirez | April 10 |
| Ed Huff | April 10 |
| Pedro Lopez Jr. | April 12 |
| Mike Castelline | April 15 |
| David Campbell | April 15 |
| Kenny Jaynes | April 18 |
| Jeff Waters | April 23 |
| Lynwood Weiss | April 24 |
| Maria Henkel | April 24 |
| Keith Halla | April 24 |
| Kenny Chambers | April 26 |
| Scott Ickes | April 27 |
| Larry Woodruff | April 28 |
| Michele Castelline | April 29 |

Baby News

Keith Halla (Bay Area Office) and wife Alyssa are the proud parents of a baby boy. Nicholas Keith Halla was born April 12th at 12:39 p.m. He is 20 1/2 inches and 8 lbs 6 oz.



Congrats to Employees



Congrats, to Bob Heinly! He has been selected for the position of Water

Resources Plan Formulation Specialist GS 13 Interdisciplinary. Col. Waterworth stated that he was impressed with Robert's technical abilities and his willingness to take on greater responsibilities above and beyond his normal job.

"From United Way/CFC, helping write the District Campaign Plan to helping design a new district coin and many others, Robert has always sought greater responsibilities," said Col. Waterworth.

Congrats to John Machol! He has been selected for a lateral position in the Policy Analysis Section. John has also been selected to attend the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program (SBLM) in Fort Belvoir, Virginia from May 20th-August 9th.

Condolences

Jeanine Larpenteur McClain, an IMO retiree, passed away April 1st at Mainland Hospital. Jeanine retired from the Corps in 1993 after serving the Galveston District 32 plus years. She was one of the founders of the District's ADP Center in the 60's. Services were held at James Crowder Funeral home in LaMarque.

Sarah Walker, mother of Sophia Hander and mother-in-law of John Hander of Engineering, passed away April 17 after a lengthy illness. Services were held at Crowder Funeral Home in La Marque on Friday, 19 April 2002 from 5-7 p.m. with funeral services on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel.

A former lock operator from the Colorado River Locks, Mr. Oscar Moberly, passed away March 22nd. He, along with Mr. Tom Ward, who just passed away during this past week, were two of the original Lock Operators who came to work at the Colorado River Locks when they first opened in 1944. They both worked the same shift for the 30 plus years they were lock operators. Please keep the Moberly and Ward families in your prayers!



ATTENTION CORPS EMPLOYEES : The Jadwin Building Needs Your HELP!

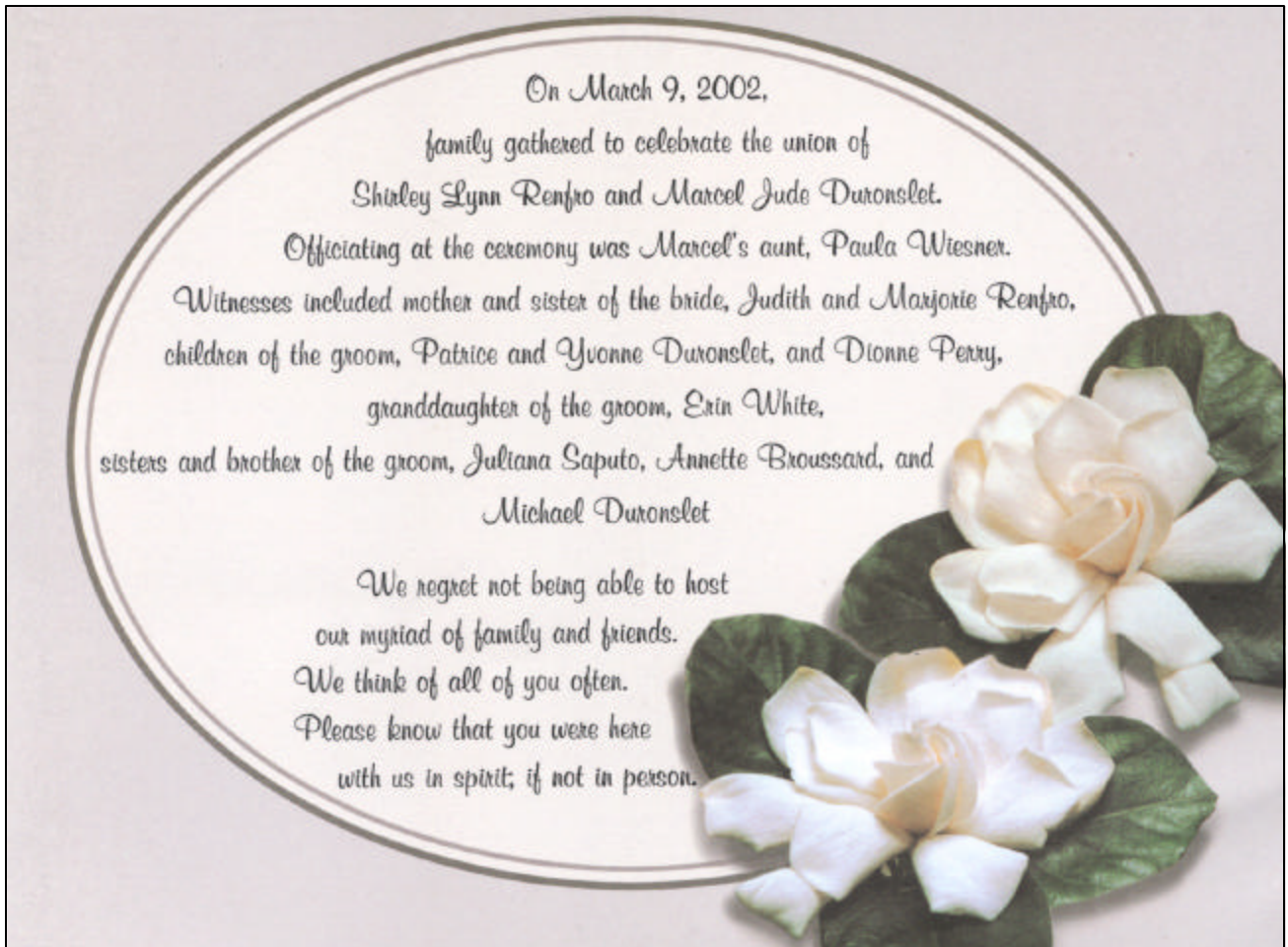
Displayed on the large, glass enclosed bulletin board on the first floor are four proposals to ease the parking congestion that we are currently experiencing from time to time. Please drop by and review the plans developed by the Study Team. Please send via e-mail, any comments you may have to any member of the study team. **The comment period will run until 30 April 2002.** All comments will be considered and those of merit will be incorporated into the final group of alternatives. The final report with a recommended alternative will then be presented to the Commander in June 2002.

Jadwin Building Study Team members are: Tom Bridgewater, Rhonda Brown, Dewey Brunt, Phil Coughlin, Larry Dunaway, Mike Flynn, Bill Jakeway, David Petit, Todd Singleton, Eric Wilmore and Danny Wyatt.

Study Objectives Include:

Determine the current availability of parking for COE employees and visitors; determine the impacts of USCG tenancy on current availability; determine additional parking requirements, if necessary; determine the optimal location and total cost of additional parking, if required; develop temporary parking plan to accommodate USCG; identify alternate parade route for the Seaborne Cadets from barracks to the Jadwin Building; locate a mess hall queuing area for the Seaborne Cadets off the vehicle access road.

Wedding Bells



Junior PBAC is rewarded with Corps t-shirts for all their hard work



Back row: Karyn Trevino, Loretta Carnes, Sandra Byron, Phil Coughlin, Selma Hampshire, Willie Smith, Diane Kovacevich, Louisa Huyge, Darrell Davis, and Maj. Spears; front row: Gus Marinos, Betty Voelkel, Ruben Villagran, Cindy Jones, and Carol Hankemer - Freeman.

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Phil Coughlin hands Meg one of Galveston district's most proud gifts, the Shrimp Plaque.



Meg says goodbye to Karen Strain.



Meg holds up her t-shirt for the camera.

Upcoming Events

April 24

Secretary of the Year
10:00 a.m.

April 25

Channel to Victoria
Dedication

April 29 - May 3

ENFORCE training

May 2

Public Meeting
GIWW - High Island to Brazos

May 12

Mother's Day

May 14

PRB
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

May 27

HOLIDAY
Memorial Day

May 31

B.G. David Melcher's
Farewell